

**Testimony**  
**Senate Bill 2346 – Department of Human Services**  
**Senate Human Services Committee**  
**Senator Judy Lee, Chairman**  
**February 11, 2009**

Chairman Lee, members of the Human Services Committee, I am Maggie Anderson, Director of Medical Services Division for the Department of Human Services.

I am here today to offer a suggested change regarding SB 2346.

The Department does not oppose a study of Indian treaty rights related to welfare; however, the Department does not have the resources or expertise to conduct this study. In addition, SB 2346 does not contain an appropriation for the Department to contract for the work to be completed.

We respectfully request the bill be amended to call for a legislative council study, rather than separate studies for education, health and welfare.

In addition, the Department would suggest a definition of welfare, as this could be as narrow as the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, or could be interpreted to include all economic assistance programs such as Medicaid, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and Fuel Assistance.

I would be happy to address any questions that you may have.